

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-10, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

REMARKS

The present application is a division of copending parent Application No. 09/179,084, filed on October 27, 1998. Claims 1-10 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claims 11-30 are presented for examination, of which Claims 11, 16, and 26 are in independent form.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present divisional application are respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. This document was cited in the parent of the present divisional application, Application No. 09/179,084, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. A copy of the document is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to indicate that the document has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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